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## Bottom O' the Afternoon

By BLUE LARUE

The Head returned from convention without any new songs—student body happy, however, with same old theme. Existing condition is aptly expressed by following ditty:

The song this morning has to be,  
A B C D E F G;  
Headmaster's orders—now you'll see;  
Our students' high mentality.

Cherokee Park Protective Committee formed; requests Congress to limit Academy's armament to not more than five cannons. Weapons arrive; rebellious students' plans foiled by stout chains and locks. . . . Price rejoins Barbell Club; muscles worn down by Fall activities. . . . How about a bigger turnout at the next Bell Hop? Watch bulletin board for notice. . . . Thought of the week: Some of you photographers start to work for the annual. A plea has been made for typical scenes. (Ugh, not that.) . . . After eight

years, city fire marshal discovers city limits have been moved to include M. B. A.

Poem of the week:  
Stupid Willie, strange to say,  
Looked down Father's gun one day.

He pulled the trigger; Mom complained.

"My Willie is so scatterbrained. New fire drills enacted; students cheer upon finding out that the faculty will be the last to leave in case of an emergency. . . .

Football season over; Buzz Davis seen with new Baseball letter.

Remember tomorrow is Gwosdoff Memorial Day. . . . So many boys are dating a certain girl that a "Share the Wilkerson Plan" has been arranged. . . . Paid advertisement: Seigenthaler's Hardware Company has limited amount of gun powder and cannonballs for sale. Side arms may be purchased at Huston (Rebel) Horn's.

Orchids to J. T. Y. certainly are glad that the chapel talks are being directed at the faculty rather than the students. . . . Nelson keeps telling wild stories about Fowers model; Franklin (Chrysler) Jarman greatly impressed. . . .

Hope you all studied your ten hours over the holidays.

Price has been stumbling around since New Year's Eve. . . . Everybody help cheer at the basketball games. . . . Coach Allen had to discipline Charlie Hawkins for busting out windows with firecrackers. . . . I wish that fellow the editor, would quit using that veto so much.—Free Press, heck!

Seen a F.O.Y. B.P. and B.B.—Joe White and S. B.—What will happen next.

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## COLLEGE AS YOU WILL MEET IT

By John Griscorn

Although it has been said that four years in college are equivalent in education to two good house parties and that a good education only enables you to get into more expensive trouble, I would like to tell you about college rather than defend it (which might be more interesting).

As night and day differ, so does the college distinguish itself from the preparatory high school. It is difficult to fathom at first how anything can be more complex than that to which you are now accustomed. However, you will find many new problems to which self adjustment and mastery are necessary. There is nothing better than having an insight into your future. Through a comprehension of the complexities of a college life you will learn to a greater extent how to prepare yourself and your mind. It is with this intent that I tell you as well as possible the things you should know—how different is college; how well I am being prepared; am I being prepared properly; what subjects will furnish the best background?

How different is college? The contrast is manifest and emphasized through the number of students, the teachers, and their attitudes, of both students and faculty. It is hard to realize that you mean no more than a name to your teacher, that he has no interest in you as an individual, and that your friends have disappeared, their seats being filled by just so many strange faces. During the summer you will glory over the prospects of college, of having at last gained distinction over those still in high school; you are a big boy now. It is with a shock that, upon entering college, you find yourself smaller in the eyes of all concerned, than before. You are amazed at the magnitude of the scale on which all things are carried out. It is this drop in self esteem that you must combat; no one cares what you've done, where you came from, whether Vanderbilt wanted you. A clean slate is before you to be marked as your actions merit; your past achievement is but experience which, if applied, may or may not stand you in good stead. The fact that you are so much on your own may frighten you. Here there are no such things as strong daily grades because all your marks come from your tests. Six quizzes will on the average determine your whole daily grade; one or two slip-ups is about all it takes. Homework is usually optional. This probably sounds like sweet music in the ears of those whose fingers are worn to the bone by Mrs. Bitzer's

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## Edwards Heads 1948 Bell

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### Library News

Through the work of the Ladies' Auxiliary, headed by Mrs. Hardcastle, and the generosity of the board of trustees, there have been many improvements in our library. Since school began this year, 290 new books have been purchased. These include all types of prose, poetry and reference books. Highlighting our new additions is a 1947 edition of the *American Encyclopedia*, a copy of *Modern American Painters* and a large illustrated edition of Audubon.

Not only has the number of books increased but our magazine subscriptions have been nearly doubled. A new steel filing cabinet has been purchased and a pamphlet collection is being set up to make reference work easier.

As a result of the above improvements, the library is crowded every period during the day and our circulation has increased two-fold. Never before has the library been such a frequented place and we hope that with the improvements which are still being made it will become even more popular.

Editor's Note: Mrs. Campbell has asked us to remind you that boys may check out more than one book at a time.

## Glee Club Debuts In Xmas Program

On December 19, the first M. B. A. Glee Club accompanied by Miss Canless, made its initial appearance on the Christmas program. After an extremely short series of arduous practice under Maestro Rule, the boys, many of whom had never before sung parts, presented an extremely listenable rendition of "Silent Night." The members of this first Glee Club are as follows: JACK BURCH, TOMMY SEIGENTHALER, BILL BLACKIE, and WOOD FOSTER, first tenors; WALTER NOEL, BOB BROWN, and BERNARD WERTHAN, baritone; BUZZ DAVIS, ANDY SPICKARD, HAROLD BAUER, and JIMMY CHERRY, second tenors; RIDLEY DERRY, BERRY, VERNON SHARP, BOBBY DAVIS, and BILLY VAUGHN, basses.

Fess Rule, commending his boys highly, has said that several more appearances are planned for the coming year. We all enjoyed you, boys, so keep up the good work!

## ALUMNI NEWS

By Ridley Derryberry

Joe Hutton just back from a two-week's trip to Canada says the fishing was superb.

Seen playing in the All Star intramural football game over at Vanderbilt were Joe and Al Whitson spurring their respective teams on. Whitson caught two forty-yard passes giving the Blacks a 20 to 0 victory.

I just received word from Bill that Clay Bailey is really studying hard at Sewanee. Clay, who graduated in '45, did good work at M. B. A. and is doing the same at Sewanee.

Everyone at Vanderbilt is wondering what Bob Zanone is planning to be in later years. Bob

Wade, president of the Senior Class, has announced that the next Bell Hop will be held on Friday night, January 30th, in the Honor room and library. The following committees from the Senior class are in charge:

Publicity—Bernard Werthan, Bob McFall, Bobby Brown, Bransford Wallace.

Music and Program—Harry Coison, Ed Nelson, Hibbett, Robert Haller, Ed Nelson.

Admission—Al Williams, Billy Howard, Tommy Goodloe, Bill Bailey.

Rides—Billy Edwards, John Ambrose, Dave Wiley.

Concessions—Walter Noel. This is the fourth in the series of informal dances to be held at M. B. A. this year. The program committee will present as a special feature "Arthur Murray's Exhibition Dancers." The game room will open at 8 o'clock and dancing will begin at 9. Come and bring your friends.

## New Cannons Mark MBA Hill

Before the Christmas holidays the City Park Commission gave the Academy three cannons, which were formerly stationed on another noted hill, Ft. Negley. These weapons manufactured in 1863 were issued through the Watertown Armory to the United Forces occupying Nashville. Without doubt they saw action in the battles of Nashville and Franklin. These battles spelled the end of the Confederate Army of the West under General Hood, for it was crippled at Franklin and shattered two weeks later at Nashville. (You needn't feel bad, Horn; the yankees numbered 40,000 well-supplied, well fortified troops, as opposed to 26,000 travel-worn Southerners.) Since that time the guns resting on the front terrace have not been fired.

After the War the cannons were left here to be utilized by the W.P.A. when reconstructing the Union fort and later to find a new station at Montgomery Bell.

On of the guns is a small bore artillery piece with rifling; the others, heavier smooth-barreled nine-pounders. Everyone thought that Price & Co. had been at work when the wheels from the heavier guns were discovered missing. False alarm! The Big Man had simply sent them out to be repaired. A caisson was also donated by

This year the staff of the M. B. A. annual, THE BELL, will be headed by Billy Edwards, who will serve as editor. Billy will be assisted by business manager Walter Noel; the rest of the staff is as follows: Asst. Business Manager, Vernon Sharp.

Asst. Editor, John Ambrose. Sports Editor, Bob Brown.

Asst. Sports Editor, Bernard Werthan.

Photographers, Houston Horn, Franklin Jarman.

Last year when the students received their copies of the annual they were disappointed upon finding few snapshots in the publication. This was no fault of the editors; it was the fault of the boys themselves, who refused to turn enough pictures over to the staff to be printed. This year the editors have urged that any boy with a camera turn in his work to Billy Edwards. Let's not let the staff down for if we do we will only let ourselves down.

As most of you know the Academy is sponsoring a contest which offers a fifteen dollar prize to the boy who sells the largest money value of space; the second prize is five dollars. Here is another opportunity for the students to help themselves and their school.

This year the yearbook will feature short write-ups about members of the senior class, captions under the many (7) informal snapshots, and the M. B. A. Calendar featuring the most important events of the school year.

The Park Commission and now stands in all its stately glory among the cannons.

As yet those in authority have not determined where they will put these remnants of the War. Some of the more helpful students have suggested that one be placed by the Rock with the others facing Cherokee Park.

\*Maybe that little cannon hasn't been fired since the War of Succession but if such is the case we want to know who was dumb enough to clean out the barrel for the fun of it. And oh yes, what about those powder horns?

## Key Club News

At present, your Key Club is sponsoring two projects for the improvement of student life and activity at M. B. A. The first and main one is, of course, the vocational guidance program. We have already heard several of the many speakers planned for the present school year and, in addition, number of educational (and comedy) movies are being considered. Furthermore, the Key Club is in charge of the intramural basketball tournament now in progress. When the contest ends, suitable prizes and recognition will be awarded the winning team. As for the future, your Key Club is planning to sell M. B. A. caps, the proceeds from which will be used to put mirrors in the various rest rooms on the campus.

As an expression of the feelings of the Key Club members your reporter says that if the support of the student body continues, M. B. A., with the help of the Key Club, can look forward to a prosperous New Year.



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grammar assignments; however, the instructor's test always makes you wish you had done what Jerry Conscience had told you to do.

It is the eternal frustration of college that you can get away with things only so long. To be truthful it is suddenly, maddening to find no one pushing you along, to discover that you can let a subject "ride" for two weeks with no one being the wiser. It is like putting your feet in quicksand and sinking so slowly that you never realize that you are going down. But remember everyone is too busy with his own work to pull you out. You and Donald Duck must think.

The next question with which you should be concerned is your preparation for college. Since your freshman course will include a science, English, math, and a language, we will discuss them individually.

Chemistry will come perhaps as easily as any course you will take because Mr. "one word and one problem" Hackman has certainly hit the nail on the head. I often found it difficult to realize that discussion of methods and explanations weren't more important; however, the instructors stress short answer tests and problems. I believe further that I would have never learned equations and valence if I had to master it from the lectures we get. Without high school chemistry the odds are against the average student passing M.B.A.

English couldn't be different from your own course, for Mrs. Bitzer covered everything you and the person next to you will have. Grammar is the same as that which you are having. In the literature the poems which you have studied will come easy; the others, however, mean about as much as Russian (communists needn't worry). Your whole daily average will come from your seven themes and exam as a first term freshman. There might be a few other grades but therein lie the most important ones.

Two terms of math are required at Vanderbilt-algebra and trigonometry. Your senior refresher course under Mr. Rule is sure to help you. Your trigonometry will be closely allied to your high school course; however, algebra takes up where your review course leaves off. You will meet inequalities, theory of equations, permutations, and many other new things. If your foundation is weak, you can't expect to cope with college algebra.

Language is the most difficult to judge. If you start new language, you can't expect your high school to help you; however if you continue your course, I think that you will have a strong foundation, especially grammatically speaking. This subject depends a great deal upon yourself. If you have not learned your vocabulary well and feel that you just got by, I would advise you to start a new language. On the other hand, if you have learned what Mr. Cornelius has put before you in the romance languages, you should have no more trouble than the new fellow.

This covers your first term courses fairly well. On the other hand, I would like to tell you some things which will help you. First, your themes mean too much here to disregard them. Develop, if possible, a complex style of some sort with a little vocabulary. Style means about as much to you as content. Second, if you plan to continue a language, a good vocabulary is necessary. The average student complains, "I just don't know enough words." Third and most important, don't get behind. If you think it is bad to miss a week at M.B.A., try missing two days here. That's the best formula for getting lost that there is.

Although everything said will pertain more to the seniors, underclassmen can certainly profit. Don't kid yourself by saying, "I'll have a good time in high school, but, when I get to college, I'm really to bear down." I've seen boys here who must have said that. Did you know many of those guys study until two every night and still cannot make the grade? The reason is simple. They don't know how to study; time has moulded their mind into a machine unaccustomed to retaining the vast quantities of knowledge required. It's too bad to see fellows who try so hard to have started trying too late.

There isn't much to summarize. About all I can pass on to you is that the best preparation possible is before you. Whatever you take is certainly your business. In this article I hope I didn't sound like some teacher urging and nagging you on; that is the last interpretation I would desire. I have only said what I and my classmates of last year have learned, and we hope it will help you to prepare yourself. Remember, here you are on your own; the first thing a good background teaches you is to walk alone.

## Class News

## Grade School News

Basketball practice is improving the players. George Smart has already learned to hit the backboard.

WHO will be the microbe big five?

"County" is improving his aim. A lady reported a large bump on her head as she left the Princess.

Jimmy Pellettieri was pulling candy when the person on the other end of the line (Ann Bradford) let go when Jimmy's actions angered her. His big black eye is the result.

Be on the alert for alias "Stetson" Metcalf, escaped from M. B. A. Wanted for the evasion of eight English rules. Believed to be armed with acorns. Considered dangerous. Be on the alert for "Stetson" Metcalf.

Miss Thompson is sending out invitations for an informal party Saturday morning. All are invited.

## Freshman News

Charlie (All-American) McDavid and Pete (T.D.) Austin shedding their football togs for basketball paraphernalia (golly that's a big word) we know that the Winter is upon us. Such weaklings as Jammy Fay and Morris Ferguson will now take over the scene.

Gilbert Templeton and Billy Carpenter were seen at the pep rally before the Litton game. They were seen at the game with their sisters or girls, more than likely girls.

Craig Fox understands his science and some day he may become a great chemist. All of which would prove that miracles do happen.

Question: What platinum blonde named D. B. hits for the hills with his trusty shot gun every afternoon? He also has a flashy 25 automatic. Too flashy, eh Dick?

Laurel and Hardy or Wilk and Gunther are as great a comedy team as ever.

—The Vacuum Cleaner

## Sophomore News

It was said that Joe Loser was a camera fiend, but we didn't believe it 'till we saw him take four shots of Old Granddaddy the other night. . . . One of the greatest moments of Homer Gibbs' life came Sunday night. Did he get a million dollars? No! Did he get in the show for 12¢? No! He got the car! If you read in the papers about a meteor crossing town, don't believe it. It was Gibbs! . . . The following was written by "Seadaddy" Fore in English class:

There was a young damsel named Carol,  
Who liked to play stud for apparel;

Her opponent's straight flush,  
Brought a maidenly blush,  
And a hasty trip home in a barrel!

Lewis Wood flunked his driver's license test but he says it was easy for those who could drive. He had a slight handicap: no brain. . . . "Wildcat" Wills says to stop calling him "Wildcat" as he is a good man with the ladies. We'll just call him "Woo Woo."

Hawkins was seen wandering around in an unusually dense fog at the Keppa dance. He didn't believe that Wade would take a girl out. Speaking of the dance, did anyone see that dish Bryan dragged in? I wouldn't have minded dragging her in. (see Bryan for further details) . . . The only lesson Gates ever learned in history was to keep his big mouth shut.

K. Hardcastle has recently left his popular one-armed bandit at home but promises to bring it back after the Sophomore wallets have been fattened again. . . . Isaac Walton Carney says he caught a prize fish this Fall that got his name in the paper. (Carney will furnish more complete and accurate information.)

## Junior News

Like all the good things connected with school the holidays quickly came to an end and the drudgery started once more after the boys had brushed the confetti from their hair and the cobwebs from their so-called brains. I won't say that for the first few days the boys were a little dense but every class I attended looked like a take-off on "It Pays To Be Ignorant." It was fairly easy to see that most of the Juniors had not been home reading "Kenilworth" and practicing up on Chemistry problems. Among the more obvious cases of that dreaded disease "Holiday Hangoveritis" were Don Wade, Tommy Brakebill, Dick Thorpe, Ernest Franklin, John Roberts, Andy Spickard, Jack Burch and fifty-three others.

I won't say that all the memories of Henry Fitts were the most pleasant, because they weren't. It seems Henry forgot the old story about the immovable object and the irresistible force and remembered it the hard way.

Well, you could have hit me with a high "C" when I learned the James C. Rule Expedition had finally located sixteen top-notch, tuned-up, talented tonals. The other day I happened to walk by (truly an accident) and heard these local yodelers warble a few notes. In one corner, harmonizing on "Asleep in the Deep," were Billy Price, Vernon Sharp, Buzz Davis, and Tommy Seigenthaler; and in the other corner were the singers. Keep up the good work boys and you too, Houston Horn.

## Senior News

Well, I guess all had a wonderful Christmas. Some tried to celebrate by setting off the cannon in front of dear old M. B. A. They made a mistake by setting off the cannon while it was pointed toward Miss Sims, of course I mean in the direction of her house. The gun wasn't loaded so no harm was done. Better luck next time boys.

Bill (Carbon Copy) Wade isn't going to be stirring for the Big Red for a couple of weeks because of an injury to his foot. However his kid brother Don has been filling his duties very well. Here's hoping you get back into their fighting soon, Bill.

Harry (Jack of all trades) Corson has got himself a new girl, pretty too. Good luck Harry. I hope you stick with her a long time, but don't you think you are double crossing one of your freshmen? Or is that a word in your profession?

Edwin (click dealer) Paschall is again with us at M. B. A. Hope you enjoy M. B. A. better this time, Edwin, than at the first of the year. Know if you start to work that you will be a tremendous asset to our student body. Good luck, Edwin.

## Unusual Happenings Around The Campus

—Corson crams for one of Mrs. Bitzer's daily English tests.

—Tim Nelson comes and goes in ambulance.

—Edwards doesn't come to Saturday school.

—Bill Wade caught smoking—his steam was condensing, that is.

—Wiggs doesn't study Physics for orce.

—Wallace marvels at Solid Geometry book.

—MacFall flunks English test.

—Hugh tells good joke.

## "Hoots From the Owl's Nest"

Christmas comes but once a year—and the holidays are too short. Hope everyone is keeping up his No. 1 resolution: Support the basketball team.

That was a tiny little girl seen helping Buford Dickerson pick out a new suit. The label is Calvin. Not the suit!

George Carpenter wasn't the only boy who copied Phyllis May's notes on a certain subject. Huh, Kennedy?

Who was it who said, "Go West Young Man?" Well, he sure got Edwin Paschall confused.

Vernon (since I can't find a longer word) Sharp and Jack ("When You and I Were Young, Maggie") Burch are two of the main supporters of the idea of that newly-formed M. B. A. Glee Club's singing at Ward Belmont.

Poor Jarman (the Demerit King) didn't enjoy the holidays like the rest of us. He was the one who, when Mr. Cornelius said, "I forgot my watch and don't know how long I've talked," suggested he refer to the calendar.

Surey Q! (Ed. Note: Can't figure why Edwards inserted this expression. Must be something he's had on his mind.)

Songs of the month: "Golden Earrings" and "Pass that Peacemaker."

No, Bill Bailey isn't worried about the fire drills. He's been going with a red-hot gal for some time! No names please.

Hats off to Don Wade—spark of the West game.

Everyone was wondering if Francis Farris was going to be as "mistle-toe crazy" as she was last year. She had been calling several people woody names for months before hand.

Woods Foster, Walter Noel were among the ones at John Alden's house cramming for exams. The whole thing wound up in a Bridge (?) game.

Buzz Davis and Vernon Sharp saw the Freedom Train with the Mayor's party at 9:00. Pretty easy—no standing in line, etc. Strange they didn't make it to school until after one, though.

Here's the final thought: (patriotic due to the Freedom Train) from "The Lay of the Last Minstrel" by Sir Walter Scott:

"Breathes there a man with soul so dead,  
Who never to himself has said,  
This is my own, my native land."

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## "MAROON HIGHLIGHTS"

By Roscoe Davis

Spectacular in the first Ryan-M. B. A. game was the Irish's fast break. The Maroons, who 'ad dazzled all the teams thus far played, by their own fast break, were unable to cope with Ryan's speed. . . . Jimmy Morrissey, who has the highest average in the city of points per tilt, scored only four points—two foul shots and a field goal. Even the best players have their off days we suppose. . . . Despite this the Maroon Quintet outscored Ryan 21-18 the last half.

Odds are on Billy Coble—with Stirton Oman as a close runner-up for ending up as "B" team's high-scorer. Billy, who was a sub during the first two games, has started at the guard post for the last five tilts. He was one of the main factors which made the Ryan-Junior Varsity game so close.

The score in the Ryan game might have been different. . . . Bill Wade had been able to play—the game had been played on M. B. A. floor—the team hadn't been cold—somebody could have stopped Clunan—the Maroons had played as well the first half as the last.

Some type of organized cheering is needed at the basketball games. No school has outplayed us on our own floor but quite a few have out-cheered us. The Maroons have the best team they have had in the past three years—one which with luck might well be state champion—but we certainly don't support it with much spirit.

Bobby Worrall came within six points of setting a record in the second Hume Fogg game—his total number of markers, 26. Another night like that would put him in the thick of the fight for high-scoring honors in the city.

Larry Munson, WDKA's ace sports announcer, describes Hawkins as the best center in the city. (Ed. Note: Don't blush, Charley; Whitaker wouldn't.)

Billy Joe Ehrhart, contrary to rumors now circulating, will not attend the academy next year, but will go to Georgia Tech.

## B Team Blasts Hume-Fogg, 37-24

Jan. 13, Mr. Hackman's Junior Varsity roared to their fourth win of the season in convincing style, defeating Hume Fogg's "B" team for the second time, 37 to 24.

The first period started rather slowly with M. B. A. chalking up seven points and the Blue Devils registering only one marker on a charity toss.

Moving into the second quarter, the Maroons, holding a commanding six point advantage, played a steady, conservative game, stretching their lead to seven points. At the end of the half, M. B. A. was on top, 16-9.

In the third period McNelly got hot, hitting for two chip shots and a number of free throws, along with five other points from his mates. Hume Fogg racked up eight more markers to raise their total to 17, but the Junior Varsity's 27 was ten better.

In the final quarter, M. B. A. apparently had the game sewed up, so Coach Hackman gave the subs a chance to show their stuff. When the whistle blew the "Little Red" had a 37-24 ball game in the bag with a strong rope around the end.

Leading the scoring parade for M. B. A. was Robert McNelly with ten points Carl Gates Jimmy Ray, and Stirton Oman with six each, and Billy Coble connecting for five markers.

The Junior Varsity's next appearance will be against the DuPont "B" team on the Maroon court.

## Red Rout West 35-28 As Morrissey Tallies Twelve; Then Succumb To Ryan 41-26 In First Setback Of Year

### Students Foresee Keen Competition In All Circuits of Key Club Intramurals

### For Fourteen Years Our Coach

Fourteen years ago this Fall, an M. B. A. alumnus returned to take over the coaching reins here on the Hill. During the time that Howard Allen has served in this capacity, he has not only made an enviable record for M. B. A. on



the athletic fields and courts, he has earned the respect and admiration of the hundreds of boys who have passed through M. B. A. and have known him, and his fame has spread to other schools as well.

Coach first became associated with M. B. A. in 1920 when he entered school here. He played football and basketball and graduated in 1924. He then went to Murray State Teachers' College at Murray, Kentucky, from which he graduated in 1926. In 1934 he returned to M. B. A. as Coach and has been here ever since. There have been and are rumors that he has been offered positions as Head Coach at various colleges and universities throughout the South, but, if these are so (and there is good reason to believe that they are), Coach has turned down all offers in favor of M. B. A.

During the time that Coach has piloted Maroon teams, there have been only two years in which there were no players from M. B. A. on the Nashville Banner's All-City football team. M. B. A. always famous as a gridiron power, has produced a strong team nearly every year since Coach has been with us. His basketball teams have been consistent winners, also. And, although baseball was started in 1944, Coach's teams have won in this sport too. All these things may very well be credited to Howard Allen.

But Coach's contribution to the school has not been limited to athletic activities. In 1943-44 he served as Headmaster. During this period, school spirit, sadly lacking today, was at its peak and many boys wish that there were only half as much now as then.

Coach, although he has two daughters of his own, is known for his strong dislike of females and his boys, whenever possible, avoid Coach if they have a date. He likes to go about the school whistling or crooning like "Bing," and his favorite walkway is between the gym and the cafeteria. We who are old hands at M. B. A. and you who are coming here for the first time this year and have just got to know him, all respect Howard Allen, a local boy who has done very well by himself.

At the conclusion of another successful football season, we salute our Coach and friend who, for fourteen years, has given his best to M. B. A. We look forward to the coming basketball season, knowing that the team that Coach sends out on the hardwood will be the best-coached quietest in the city, if not in the South. We give

Boys To Begin Contest Here Tuesday; 80 Boys To Play

During the week in which we returned from Christmas holidays all the names handed in for participation in intramurals were divided into three groups, according to the grade of the student in school. There are Seven-and-Eighth Grade, Freshman-Sophomore, and Junior-Senior teams. Play is scheduled to begin the week after examinations among the Freshman-Sophomores.

Among the four Freshman-Sophomore teams, the two that look best are Madden's and Lytton's. Bert has Henry Hooker as a hot shot and himself and Joe Worrall to control the backboards. If they will, Dillard Adams ought to be the star of the team. In this line of the tallest in his group. John Lytton, on the other hand, will be a troublemaker and may come up with the winning team, since he and Bobby Graham are both tall enough to take everything and anything that may come their way off the backboards. Lytton's team has four very capable players in the two aforementioned boys plus Roy Morton and John Adams. The question now is who will fill the fifth slot.

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Now for a look at the Junior-Senior League. Here the forty-one boys have been divided into six teams, captained by Harry Corson, Al Williams, Bernard Werthan, Jake Wallace, John J. Hooker and Ed Nelson. It seems foolish to make any predictions in a league that will obviously be very close all the way through.

Team by team, Werthan has Buford Dekerson, Billy Bivins, and Buzz Davis to get those rebounds and to hit with baskets at the right time. Ed Nelson has Jack Pore, Jack Leech, and Vernon Sharpe to take them off the backboards and David Wiley to hit with the set shots. Corson has the height but lacks the set-shot artists that the other teams have. His team will most probably control the backboards in almost every game, and this may be just what the doctor ordered to concoct a winning team. Al Williams has a good man off the boards in Joe White and set and chip shot artists in Marston Crump and Andy Spicard. If they can use teamwork effectively, they may be the surprise of the league. Another team that might pull some upsets is Jake Wallace. Jake, Bob Davis, Moore Milam, Dickie Miller and Walter Noel might prove to be a just-right combination. The most hapless team in the league at first glance is John J. Hooker's. But if he and Wilbur Creighton, Lee Lance, Billy Vaughn and Fred Wiggs can work, they may win quite a few games. The response to intramurals this year has been the best yet.

our earnest thanks to the man who has made M. B. A. the power in sports that it is today, and wish him many more successful seasons. M. B. A. is very proud, and justly so, of one of her most outstanding alumni, Howard Allen.

### Maroons Catch Eye, But Too Late; Clunan Stars

A surprising and unpredictable Maroon quintet, playing on an unfamiliar hardwood, fought valiantly but in vain in attempting to down a big, fast-breaking Ryan five Friday night, January 8. It was not until the last half that the Maroons started hitting the baskets, but by then it was too late as Ryan romped 41-26.

The first half it was all Ryan as the Panthers led 8-4 at the quarter and 23-5 at the half. Charley Blackard accounted for the lone flier in the initial period, with Charley Hawkins and Bobby Worrall tallying the remaining points on free throws. Jimmy Morrissey garnered the lone Big Red tally in the second period on a free throw. The second half the Maroons found the baskets and started hitting, tallying three more points than Ryan.

Charley Hawkins, Jimmy Morrissey and Charley Blackard were the high scorers for the Big Red, scoring seven, six and six points respectively. The Panthers' teeth were blocked. The third quarter ended with the score M. B. A., 14; West, 10.

Ryan, playing on its home floor, was at a definite advantage. Added to this the Panthers had more height and weight. Another fact to be taken into consideration is that not a single senior player for the Maroons. Although the Big Red had rudely upset favored West only the Tuesday night before, and West had shaded Ryan, it must be remembered that the Maroons pulled their upset on their home floor and that West pulled the Ryan game out only in the fading minutes. So many people were surprised to see the Big Red knock off Ryan in their second engagement to his play on the Maroons' hardwood. Despite the fact that M. B. A. has lost a game, they are still in the race for the Eighth District Crown.

Pos.—M.B.A. Ryan F.—Morrissey (6) . . . Derrick (3) F.—Blackard (5) . . . David (6) C.—Hawkins (7) . . . Schmitt (2) G.—Worrall (2) . . . Clunan (17) G.—Wade D. (3) . . . Young (9) Sub scoring—M.B.A.: Chickley (2); Ryan: Stoner (2), Bennett (2).

### Cooties Lose To West Bees, 21-30

In a game preceding the M.B.A.-West game on January 8, the West "Bees" trounced the Cooties 30-21. Fess Hackman's boys fought valiantly but were no match for the larger, elder West aggregation.

The first quarter saw very little scoring with the score 5-4 for West at its conclusion. The second quarter was much the same story with the scoreboard favoring West 11-8 at the half. The Cooties were working very smoothly the third quarter and pulled ahead 16-15 before the buzzer sounded. This seemed to fire the West team, for they then proceeded to pour it on and finally wound up on the long end of the score.

Pos.—M.B.A. West F.—Gates (3) . . . Barves (9) F.—Ray (7) . . . Belton (1) C.—Oman (3) . . . Davis (2) G.—Coble (6) . . . Patterson (4) G.—McNeilly (2) . . . McDonald (6) Sub scoring: West: Odum (2); Smith (4), Kinser (2).

### West Falters In Final Half To Sustain First Defeat

A well tutored M. B. A. quintet handed the West Blue Jays their first defeat of the season 35-28 January 6 on the Maroons' hardwood.

Early in the first quarter M. B. A., sparked by Morrissey and Blackard, took a 4-2 lead, but before the initial eight minutes were over, Wainwright of West sunk 2 foul shots to tie the score 4-4.

The Maroons grabbed a quick 4-point lead in the second period as Hawkins and Worrall joined the scoring column. Up to this point M. B. A.'s quintet had used the fast break very ineffectively, but as the third quarter opened they began to tire the West team with a driving game.

In the third quarter many of the crisp shots set up by the Maroons' fast break missed their target; even so, they served a worthy purpose in rattling the Blue Jays' defense to such a degree that in the final period M. B. A. made numerous shots which West could have blocked. The third quarter ended with the score M. B. A., 14; West, 10.

The fourth period found the Maroons, headed once again by Morrissey, pulling away to a decisive 35-28 victory.

Top on defense for the M. B. A. quintet was Bobby Worrall and at the head of the scoring sheet Jimmy Morrissey with 12 points.

The lineup: M. B. A. WEST F.—Morrissey (12) B.—Smith (14) F.—Blackard (5) Chandler (5) C.—Hawkins (11) . . . Pepper (0) G.—Worrall (7) Wainwright (2) G.—Don Wade (0) Daugherty (5) Subs: M. B. A.—Chickley, West—Turner (3), Harris, Clark.

### Junior Varsity

#### Topples DuPont 24-22

Jan. 14, the Junior Varsity left the floor with an ankle injury. At the end of the first half the game was again deadlocked at 10-10.

In the second period, the Maroon hopes of victory were dealt a serious blow when Captain Carl Gates left the floor with an ankle injury. At the end of the first half the game was again deadlocked at 10-10.

After five minutes of floor play in the third quarter DuPont hit a corner shot to take a slim 12-10 lead, but Coble came back to tie it up with a chip on a fast break. Jimmy Ray scored on a fast break as the whistle blew ending the period, preventing another deadlock. This pushed M. B. A. ahead with a 14-12 advantage.

Moving into the fourth quarter the Maroons let loose with a basket barrage piling up a 21-14 lead, but DuPont stormed back, pulling up within one point of the Junior Varsity, making the score 21-20. With about one minute remaining, Bryan tipped to give M. B. A. a three-point lead. Following a DuPont field goal, Ray made good a charity toss with thirteen seconds left, clinching a 24-22 victory for the Maroons.

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## Personality of the Month



AL WILLIAMS

One of the most popular and outstanding boys at M. B. A. is Senior Al Williams. Although he has attended M. B. A. only since his Junior year, he has been outstanding in studies as well as student activities.

As a student, he won the Spanish medal in addition to having the highest average in the Junior class.

As a participant in extra-curricular activities, Al is business manager of the "Bell Ringer," vice president of the Key Club, an Eagle Scout, and an officer of Tennessee Boy's State.

He plans to go to Vanderbilt where he hopes to take a course in preparation for becoming an insurance salesman—typically Williams.

His favorite nourishment is steak and potatoes; his favorite sport, shooting; and his present ambition in life is making a success of his Senior year. He's doing alright—don't you think?

In conclusion, we offer this as a suggestion: If you want to find one of the most outstanding boys at M. B. A., just seek out the biggest blotch of red hair and you'll have Al Williams—our Personality Of The Month.



Marion Smith: "Give me two four-watt bulbs."  
Clerk: "Two what?"  
Marion: "No, no, four-watt."  
Clerk: "Four WHAT?"  
Marion: "That's right."

"Woode-e-e" Foster thought he had solved his Christmas problem when he decided to give ALL his friends a book. The only trouble however is that they don't know when they'll get together to read it.

Erkin: "I just shot my dog."  
Wade: "Was he mad?"  
Irwin: Well, he wasn't exactly pleased."

Van Arsdale: "Her neck's dirty."  
White: "Her does?"

Sis: "My Dad takes things apart to see why they don't go."  
Bill: "Yeah! so what?"  
Sis: "You'd better go."

Willie with a lust for gore,  
Nailed the baby to the door;  
Mother said with humor quaint,  
"Willie dear, don't spoil the paint."

Mr. Younger: "Why don't you answer me?"  
Tune: "I did. I shook my head."  
Mr. Younger: "You didn't expect to hear it rattle clear up here, did you?"  
—Purple and Gold

"For goodness sake use both hands," screamed Joan.  
"I can't," replied Bill, "I have to drive with one."  
—Purple and Gold

Thorpe: "Is that your car out there?"  
Napier: "Yeah, it's mine."  
Thorpe: "Well, I hate to be the one to tell you, but it's smoking."  
Napier: "Oh, that's okay. It's over twenty-one."  
— West Wind

Golding Instructor to Sweet Young Thing: "You just smack the pill and walk."  
S. Y. T.: "How funny! Just like some auto rides I've been on."  
—West Wind

"Your teeth are like the stars," he said,  
And pressed her hand so white;  
He spoke true, for like the stars,  
Her teeth came out at night.  
—Don-L.

## Bottom O' The Afternoon

(Continued from Page 1.)

Cherokee Park lies calm and still.  
But all is not quiet on M. B. A. hill.

Powder is poured; a flash is seen;  
The quarry escapes—their aim ain't so keen.

Which brings us to the question of the week: Was the cannon fired? We searched everywhere for an answer to this all-important question. An interview with one of the students went like this:

"Did you shoot the cannon?"  
"Do you mean the one that was stuffed with rocks and mud?"  
—Yes."

"The one pointing toward Harding Road?"  
—Yes."

The one that holds 2½ pounds of blasting powder?"  
—Yes."

The one that went off on (censored) night?"  
(Ed. Note: Time deleted; dark secret.)  
—Yes."

"What do you think I am, an insurgent?"

## Ryan Edges B Team, 32-30

January 9, Father Ryan's Junior Varsity squeezed past the scrappy Maroon B team 32-30 in one of the most exciting tilts this season. In the first quarter, M. B. A. had a little difficulty finding their range and Ryan to a 10-7 first period lead.

The Baby Panthers, still hitting with consistency, chalked up ten more markers in the second quarter and left the court at intermission with a 20-13 advantage.

Thus far Father Ryan's defense had held the Junior Varsity pretty well in check, but in the third quarter the tables turned and the M. B. A. team led by Captain Carl Gates, pulled up within three points of their opponents. When the whistle blew, ending the third quarter, the Irish were on top 24-21.

In the final period it was neck and neck all the way as the big pivot man, Sturton Oman, paced the Jay Vee's attack. With the score knotted 30-30 and only seconds remaining, a Ryan basket broke the deadlock and gave the Irish a slim 32-30 victory.

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